Export to Senegal

1921. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Senegalese President during his recent visit invited Indian investors to tap Senegal market because of locational advantage; and

(b) if so, the action taken to boost Indian exports to Senegal especially rice, cotton, yarn and pharmaceuticals in great demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

MoUs with Government of Assam

1922. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between Government of India and Government of Assam in 1999 and in March, 2003 respectively;

(b) how these affected in provincialising of High Schools in Assam;

(c) what are the effects of these MoUs as regards to employment in schools; and

(d) whether it is not a step for privatisation of education in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) On behalf of the Government of India, Ministry of Finance had signed MoUs with the Government of Assam on 13.1.2000 and 26.3.2000. These MoUs were about the fiscal reforms programme in view of the severe financial constraints by the Government of Assam. Following were the salient features of the MoUs:—

(i) Rationalisation in Government Expenditure;

(ii) Tax and non-tax revenue reforms;